

# House Bill 2566

Sponsored by Representative HERNANDEZ (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Audit Equity Analysis. Directs task force to study and recommend legislation to require Secretary of State to include certain information related to equity issues in performance audits.

Sunsets task force on January 2, 2023.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to audits; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Audit Equity Analysis is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint members with expertise or experience in equity issues as**  
11 **follows:**

12 **(A) One member representing the Office of the Governor;**

13 **(B) Two members representing state agencies; and**

14 **(C) One member representing Metro, as defined in ORS 197.015.**

15 **(d) The Secretary of State shall appoint three members representing the Office of Sec-**  
16 **retary of State.**

17 **(3) The task force shall study and prepare recommendations regarding policies that would**  
18 **require the Division of Audits of the Secretary of State to include in the division's perform-**  
19 **ance audits:**

20 **(a) A contextualized description of equity issues that affect the mission of the audited**  
21 **entity, including past or present structural inequities;**

22 **(b) Proposals to redress the effects of past inequities and end present current inequities;**  
23 **and**

24 **(c) An analysis of the audited entity's policies relating to equity issues and a comparison**  
25 **of those policies to current best practices.**

26 **(4) The task force may, in carrying out the task force's duties, consult with any experts,**  
27 **advisers or other persons as the task force deems necessary or advisable.**

28 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
29 **of business.**

30 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of the task force.

2 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

3 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-  
4 ment to become immediately effective.

5 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
6 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

7 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

8 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
9 may include recommendations for legislation, to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee cre-  
10 ated under ORS 171.580 no later than September 15, 2022.

11 (12) The Secretary of State shall provide staff support to the task force.

12 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
13 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
14 force.

15 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
16 the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by  
17 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
18 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

19 (15) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Equity issues" means issues pertaining to justice and fairness in social policy toward  
21 historically disadvantaged groups.

22 (b) "Performance audit" has the meaning given that term in ORS 297.070.

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

24 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021  
25 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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